Change in cut off age for Senior Citizens

1853. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether for grant of some benefits to Senior Citizens, Government have stipulated the cut of age as 65 years; and

(b) if so, its justification thereof in the light of the fact that retirement age is 58/60 years in respect of Government and other employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Agrarian violence in Bihar

1854. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report on Agrarian violence of Bihar; if so, whether this report contain the names of any politicians, who are directly or indirectly supporting this violence or have sympathy with these anti-social elements; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Government does not have any specific report on the topic of agrarian violence in Bihar.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Contributions Registration Act

1855. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of requests for registration under the Foreign Contributions Registration Act are pending with Government;

(b) the oldest case pending and since when;

(c) the general reasons for the pendency of cases; and

(d) the steps are being taken to expedite the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The receipt and disposal of applications for registration for acceptance of foreign contribution under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 is a continuous process. In some cases, even when the application for registration has been rejected, representations are received for reconsideration of such cases. Delay in processing a case for registration may occur, *inter-alia*, due to submission of incomplete information by the applicant or time taken in making necessary verification. Recently, the application form for registration has been revised and made more comprehensive. This would assist in expeditious disposal of such cases. It may also be mentioned that an association not registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 can also accept foreign contribution after obtaining prior permission of the Central Government.